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Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

Application of)

EchoStar Communications Corporation, (a Nevada)
Corporation), General Motors Corporation, and)
Hughes Electronics Corporation (Delaware)
Corporations))

CS Docket No. 01-348

(Transferors))

and)

EchoStar Communications Corporation (a)
Delaware Corporation))

(Transferee)

To: Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel

Notice of Appearance

The Word Network (hereinafter "Word"), by and through counsel and pursuant to Section 1.221(e) of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 1.221(e), hereby files this Notice of Appearance setting forth its intention to appear and participate in the hearing initiated by Hearing Designation Order in this matter (FCC 02-284, released October 18, 2002) (hereinafter "HDO")

Simultaneously herewith, the Word is filing a Motion to Defer Hearing Fee with the Managing Director pursuant to Section 1.1117 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR § 1.1117, in response to Paragraph 297 of the HDO. Although the Word does not believe that a hearing fee should be required from a non-applicant party, it is filing the Motion to Defer Hearing Fee out of an abundance of caution.

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The instant Notice of Appearance is timely since it is being filed within 20 days of the mailing of the HDO.¹ See Section **1.221(e)**, 47 CFR § 1.221(e) and HDO, para. **297**

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¹ The HDO was mailed on October 28, 2002.

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